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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents and non-U.S. Patent documents are also enclosed.

Please note that the cited documents on the Form PTO-1449 were called to the Applicant's attention in the attached Office Action issued in the Japanese counterpart to the present application. An English translation of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance of non-English documents JPA 2001-326782, JPA 9-171416, JPA 2001-222190, JPA 2002-215586 and JPA 2002-7095, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the respective English abstracts attached thereto.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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